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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
MICHIGAN COMPETITIVENESS

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

12:00 noon

Room 307 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Michigan Competitiveness was called to order by the Chair.

Chairman Chatfield requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Members present: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, Wentworth, Geiss, Neeley, Hammoud.
Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Wentworth moved to approve the minutes from the March 1st, 2017 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion was approved by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid the following bills before the committee:

HB 4077	(Kesto)	Civil rights; public records; prohibition for public bodies commencing civil actions against entities making FOIA requests; implement in freedom of information act.
HB 4148	(Chatfield)	Civil rights; other; freedom of information act exemptions; modify.
HB 4149	(Moss)	Civil rights; other; governor's office; subject to freedom of information act and designate separate part of act.
HB 4150	(VanderWall)	Civil rights; other; legislative open records act (LORA); create as part of the freedom of information act.
HB 4151	(Allor)	Civil rights; other; fee for public record search under legislative open records act (LORA); provide for.
HB 4152	(LaFave)	Civil rights; other; access to public record search under legislative open records act (LORA); provide for.
HB 4153	(Hauck)	Public employees and officers; state; designation of legislative open records act (LORA) coordinator; provide for.
HB 4154	(Iden)	Civil rights; other; appeal procedure of the legislative open records act (LORA); provide for.
HB 4155	(Bellino)	Civil rights; other; disclosure of certain legislative open records; provide exemption.
HB 4156	(Lasinski)	Civil rights; other; separation of material exempt from disclosure; provide for.
HB 4157	(Guerra)	Legislature; legislative agencies; deciding appeals of public records requests under the legislative open records act (LORA); add to legislative council administrator's duties.

Chairman Chatfield handed the gavel over to Vice Chair Lilly.

Representative Moss and Chairman Chatfield both testified in support of the package of bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Chairman Chatfield returned to the gavel.

Representative Lilly moved to adopt substitute (H-2) for **House Bill No. 4155**. The motion prevailed **9-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, Wentworth, Geiss, Neeley, Hammoud.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The following individuals testified in support of the package of bills:

Representative VanderWall.

Lisa McGraw, representing the Michigan Press Association.

Representative Kesto.

Kimberly Buddin, representing the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan.

Tony Daunt, representing the Michigan Freedom Fund, submitted a card in support of the package of bills, but did not wish to speak.

The following individuals submitted a card in support of House Bill Nos. 4148 – 4157, but did not wish to speak:

Sean Hammond, representing the Michigan Environmental Council.

Michael Reitz, representing the Mackinac Center for Public Policy and The Michigan Coalition for Open Government.

Jim Tarrant, representing the Michigan Press Association, submitted a card in support of House Bill 4077, but did not wish to speak.

Deena Bosworth, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, submitted a card in opposition to House Bills No. 4148 – 4157, but did not wish to speak.

The following individuals submitted a card in opposition to House Bill 4077, but did not wish to speak:

Judy Allen, representing the Michigan Township Association.

Daniel Hurley, representing the Michigan Association of State Universities.

Jennifer Rigterink, representing the Michigan Municipal League.

Stephanie Johnson, representing Canton Township.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:49 p.m.

Representative Lee Chatfield, Chair_____

Sondra Gordon, Committee Clerk

House Michigan Competitiveness Committee

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